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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. DANISH MINISTER ADVOCATES COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST ARABS

IN A BRUSSELS PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 28, DANISH FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER NORGAARD REPORTEDLY THREATENED THE ARABS WITH ECONOMIC COUNTERMEASURES SHOULD OIL SHORTAGES FURTHER INCREASE HARDSHIPS IN THE COMMUNITY. HE FOUND IT "UNJUSTIFIABLE" THAT THE ARABS ARE MAKING OIL SUPPLIES CONDITIONAL ON THE RECIPIENTS' POLITICAL ATTITUDES AND SAID THE EC OFFER ON TRADE AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION TO A NUMBER OF MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OIL CRISIS. EMBASSY COPENHAGEN REPORTS THAT WHILE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY APPEARS EMBARRASSED BY THE INTERVIEW, THE DANES MAY TAKE A SIMILAR POSITION AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 3-4 WHEN THE MAGHREB AGREEMENTS COME UP FOR DISCUSSION. (LIMITED OFFICAL USE) COPENHAGEN 2984, 11/28.

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2. ASEAN STATES CONDEMN ISRAEL

THE NOVEMBER 28 STRAITS TIMES CARRIED A REPORT DATED IN
JAKARTA THAT INDONESIA, IN A STATEMENT SIGNED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER MALIK ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST
ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN), CONDEMNED ISRAEL FOR ITS CONTINUED
OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES SEIZED DURING THE 1967 WAR.
EMBASSY SINGAPORE HAS CONFIRMED THE REPORT'S ACCURACY.
IT LEARNED THAT THAILAND AND MALAYSIA WERE RELUCTANT TO
GO ALONG WITH THE STATEMENT, BUT SUCCUMBED UNDER HEAVY
PRESSURE FROM INDONESIA WITH SINGAPORE FOLLOWING SUIT.
THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN SINGAPORE CLAIMED THAT THE
PHILIPPINES WAS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PUSHING THE
STATEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) SINGAPORE 4595, 11/29.

3. FRG HOPES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
BONN THAT A RECENT FRG NOTE TO THE CZECHS PROPOSING A
SOLUTION TO THE OUTSTANDING BERLIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE
PROBLEM HAS BROUGHT A GENERALLY POSITIVE RESPONSE. THE
FRG IS HOPEFUL THAT BRANDT AND SCHEEL WILL BE ABLE TO
TRAVEL TO PRAGUE ON DECEMBER 12 TO SIGN A TREATY ESTAB-
LISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IF THIS SCENARIO HOLDS,
A FINAL ROUND OF TALKS WITH HUNGARY AND BULGARIA WILL
FOLLOW, WITH RELATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED BY THE END OF
THE YEAR. EMBASSY BONN COMMENTS THAT THE REPORTED SOLU-
TION TO THE BERLIN PROBLEM SEEMS TO REPRESENT A SIGNIFI-
CANT FRG CONCESSION TO THE HARD SOVIET POSITION. (CON-
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